

*Join the UBBCP
in a discussion of the book
"Family" by
J. California Cooper
while enjoying
snacks and beverages*

DATES:

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Saturday, April 24, 2010

TIME:

5:30—6:30 PM

LOCATION:

Homewood Carnegie Library
7101 Hamilton Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15208
412-731-3080

7th UBBCP Annual Celebration of Reading Event

Community Read Sip-n-Chats

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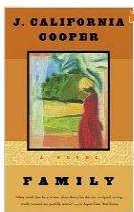
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Family by J. California Cooper

Family is a stunning, often painfully graphic re-creation of the realities of slavery: black women raped by white masters; black children sold to sustain failing plantations--or to satisfy the whims of a petulant mistress; strong men humiliated, whipped, and beaten because of the color of their skin. But it is also the triumphant story of a mother whose loving spirit transcends the barriers of death and time, allowing her to watch over her children and her children's children. In simple, hauntingly poetic language, the slave Clora, who killed herself to escape an unbearable existence, recounts the "grief and misery that is soul and core of the life of a slave" [p. 55] and follows her children as they experience the joys and challenges of emancipation, create new lives for themselves and their families in the postwar South, in northern cities, and abroad, and hold fast to their dreams and their faith as they confront the

